



WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

Statement of Proposal

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

Whanganui District Council (“the council”) is proposing an addition to its Revenue and Financing Policy for the new kerbside recycling and food waste activity. The council is seeking the community’s views on the proposed addition to the policy.

2. REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL

The council is separately consulting on an amendment to its Long-Term Plan to introduce a new kerbside recycling and food waste service. To introduce the new service the council also needs to amend its Revenue and Financing Policy to include the section 101(3) funding needs analysis and proposed funding sources for the new kerbside recycling and food waste activity, and the reasons for their use.

3. DRAFT REVENUE & FINANCING POLICY AT A GLANCE

The Revenue and Financing Policy is concerned with who pays. The council analysed the new kerbside recycling and food waste activity taking into account the following considerations:

- a) The community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes
- b) The distribution of benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community, and individuals
- c) The period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur
- d) The extent to which the actions or inactions of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity
- e) The costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities

Following these considerations, the council assessed the overall impact of the proposed funding of the activity on ratepayers.

4. KEY PROPOSED CHANGES

Kerbside recycling and food waste

The policy and supporting funding needs analyses have been amended to include the new kerbside recycling and food waste activity. The proposed funding of the activity is:

- 2022/23 – primarily service set-up costs which are proposed to be funded by borrowing, waste disposal levies and a small amount of general rates as the service will not yet be operational.

- 2023/24 onward – targeted rates are preferred as a funding source as this ensures those who are able to receive the service, pay for it. The council has considered whether an opt-out option should be provided for those residential properties in the serviced area who are able to receive the service but do not wish to utilise it. The council proposes that residential households in the serviced areas will **not** be able to opt out of the kerbside services. Prices have been kept as low as possible through an all-in approach. This approach will also maximise the amount of material that households keep out of the landfill to ensure the district is able to meet its Waste Plan 2021 waste reduction objectives. Non-residential properties will be able to opt-in to the service on a residential scale, or multiples of this.

5. OPTIONS

The council has identified two options for addressing its objectives:

Option 1: Adopt the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy (*preferred option*)

The council could adopt the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy as proposed.

Advantages: The Draft Revenue and Financing Policy addresses the inclusion of proposed funding streams for the kerbside recycling and food waste activity.

Disadvantages: The Draft Revenue and Financing Policy will change the rates payable by some groups, such as those properties to which the kerbside recycling and food waste service is available, to account for the new service provided by the council.

Option 2: Adopt a different Revenue and Financing Policy

The council may adopt a different Revenue and Financing Policy. The community may propose changes that have not been identified previously.

Advantages: Reflective of community feedback.

Disadvantages: If the proposed changes are significant the council may need to undertake further consultation to explore them.

6. CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSION

Consultation will give the council a chance to hear the community's views before making a final decision.

The draft Revenue and Financing Policy is available on the council's website www.whanganui.govt.nz/rfp-2022-23. The supporting Funding Needs Analyses for kerbside recycling is also available on the website.

You can make a submission online at www.whanganui.govt.nz/rfp-2022-23 or email your thoughts to policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz. Alternatively, hard copy submission forms are available from Whanganui District Council's Customer Services counter at the main council building located at 101 Guyton Street, the Davis Central Library and Gonville Library. Or you can give us a call on (06) 349 0001 to talk with a staff member, or to request a hard copy is sent to you.

All feedback must be received by 5:00pm on Friday 29 April 2022.

Your written submission will be made available to councillors, council staff and the public as part of the consultation process. Your submission will be considered by the council, but may not necessarily result in any changes you request being made.

When you submit please indicate whether you would like to speak about your submission at the hearings on 12 and 13 May 2022 or contact us at policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz to secure a timeslot to speak. Note this is likely to be online and if you require assistance please let us know.

For any queries on the proposed policy changes please contact Claire Williamson, Projects Manager, on (06) 349 0001.

The period for making submissions is from **9am Tuesday 29 March 2022 to 5pm Friday 29 April 2022.**

7. PROPOSED CONSULTATION PLAN

TASK	DATE
Council approval of the Statement of Proposal for public consultation	Tuesday 22 March 2022
Submissions open	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Submissions close	Friday 29 April 2022
Hearing of submissions	Thursday 12 May 2022
Deliberations	Thursday 26 May 2022
Final adoption by the council	Tuesday 21 or 28 June 2022